

Listing of the Claims

The pending claims are not being amended in this response. The following listing of the claims is for the examiner's convenience.

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) A method comprising the steps of:

issuing a unit to a holder, the unit comprising a forward contract and a remarketable security that secures performance of obligations of the forward contract, the forward contract requiring the holder to purchase of a quantity of stock from an issuer at a settlement price on or before a settlement date, the remarketable security having an issue denomination and a maturity date later than the settlement date; and

offering, at a remarketing time, the remarketable security to one or more new investors at a remarketing denomination different from the issue denomination, wherein the unit provides the remarketing denomination at time of issue.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein at the remarketing time, the remarketable does not have subordination to senior debt of the issuer.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of:
changing the maturity date of the remarketable security on the remarketing date.

16. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of:
adding one or more financial covenants on the remarketing date.

17. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of:
making the remarketable security callable after the remarketing date.
18. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising the steps of:
selling the remarketable security to a new investor; and
satisfying the forward contract with proceeds obtained from the new investor.
19. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of delivering a
quantity of stock to the holder.
20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the quantity of stock is
determined by a formula based on price of the stock at expiration the forward contract payoff
function.
21. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of collecting a
remarketing fee.
22. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the remarketable security
comprises a debt security.
23. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the remarketable security
comprises a preferred security.

24. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the remarketing time comprises one or more remarketing dates.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein at issue the remarketable security has an issue coupon frequency, and wherein at the remarketing time, the remarketable security has a remarketing coupon frequency different from the issue coupon frequency, wherein the unit provides the remarketing coupon frequency at the time of issue.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein at the remarketing time, the remarketable security does not have a previously available interest rate deferral option to the issuer.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein at the remarketing time, the remarketable security does not have subordination to senior debt of the issuer.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein at the remarketing time, the remarketable security does not have subordination to senior debt of the issuer.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein at the remarketing time, the remarketable security does not have a previously available interest rate deferral option to the issuer.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein at the remarketing time, the remarketable security does not have subordination to senior debt of the issuer.

32. (Previously Presented) A method comprising the steps of:
issuing a unit to a holder, the unit comprising a forward contract and a remarketable security that secures performance of obligations of the forward contract, the forward contract requiring the holder to purchase of a quantity of stock from an issuer at a settlement price on or before a settlement date, the remarketable security having an issue denomination and a maturity date later than the settlement date; and

offering, at a remarketing time, the remarketable security to one or more new investors at a remarketing coupon frequency different from an issue coupon frequency, wherein the unit provides the remarketing coupon frequency at time of issue.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein at the remarketing time, the remarketable security does not have subordination to senior debt of the issuer.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein at issue the remarketable security has an issue coupon frequency, and wherein at the remarketing time, the remarketable security has a remarketing coupon frequency different from the issue coupon frequency, wherein the unit provides the remarketing coupon frequency at the time of issue.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein at the remarketing time, the remarketable security does not have subordination to senior debt of the issuer.

36. (Previously Presented) A method comprising the steps of:

issuing a unit to a holder, the unit comprising a forward contract and a remarketable security that secures performance of obligations of the forward contract, the forward contract requiring the holder to purchase of a quantity of stock from an issuer at a settlement price on or before a settlement date, the remarketable security having an issue denomination and a maturity date later than the settlement date; and

offering, at a remarketing time, the remarketable security to one or more new investors without a previously available interest rate deferral option to the issuer.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein at the remarketing time, the remarketable security does not have subordination to senior debt of the issuer.

38. (Previously Presented) A method comprising the steps of:

issuing a unit to a holder, the unit comprising a forward contract and a remarketable security that secures performance of obligations of the forward contract, the forward contract requiring the holder to purchase of a quantity of stock from an issuer at a settlement price on or before a settlement date, the remarketable security having an issue denomination and a maturity date later than the settlement date, and wherein the unit provides that at a remarketing time, the remarketable security has a remarketing denomination different from the issue denomination.

39. (Previously Presented) A method comprising the steps of:

issuing a unit to a holder, the unit comprising a forward contract and a remarketable security that secures performance of obligations of the forward contract, the forward contract requiring the holder to purchase of a quantity of stock from an issuer at a settlement price on or

before a settlement date, the remarketable security having an issue denomination and a maturity date later than the settlement date, wherein at issue the remarketable security has an issue coupon frequency, and wherein the unit provides that at a remarketing time, the remarketable security has a remarketing coupon frequency different from the issue coupon frequency.

40. (Previously Presented) A method comprising the steps of:

issuing a unit to a holder, the unit comprising a forward contract and a remarketable security that secures performance of obligations of the forward contract, the forward contract requiring the holder to purchase of a quantity of stock from an issuer at a settlement price on or before a settlement date, the remarketable security having an issue denomination and a maturity date later than the settlement date, and wherein the unit provides that at a remarketing time, the remarketable security does not have a previously available interest rate deferral option to the issuer.